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SUBJECT: PRIORITY EFFORT TO DEFEAT LOS EFFORT FOR PRG

REF: MONROVIA 6181, 6151

FOR ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROSS FROM AMBASSADOR

1. FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS TOWNSEND CALLED AT THE RESIDENCE SUNDAY NIGHT TO DELIVER PERSONAL MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT NIXON AND THE SECRETARY ON THE MIDDLE EAST. IN AN HOUR'S DISCUSSION, I WAS ABLE TO REVIEW AT SOME LENGTH THE PROBLEM OF A POSSIBLE INVITATION TO PRG AND GRUNK TO PARTICIPATE IN LOS CONFERENCE. DENNIS SAID QUITE FRANKLY THAT GOL WISHED TO REMAIN CLOSE TO HER AFRICAN BROTHERS ON THIS ISSUE AND CITED SPECIFICALLY THE "DECISION" TAKEN AT THE RECENT

NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. I REPEATED EARLIER ARGUMENTS THAT IT
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WAS IN GOL'S INTEREST TO DISTINGUISH CAREFULLY BETWEEN NON-ALIGNED

DISCUSSIONS AND "DECISIONS" ON BROAD POLITICAL ISSUES AND OTHER CONFERENCES WHERE ISSUES OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO LIBERIA WERE BEING NEGOTIATED. I NOTED LARGE AMOUNT OF SHIPPING UNDER LIBERIAN REGISTRY AND MENTIONED A NUMBER OF FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES WHICH WOULD BE NEGOTIATED AT LOS CONFERENCE. I URGED THAT GOL CONSIDER CAREFULLY WHAT PRG AND GRUNK WOULD BRING TO THE CONFERENCE AND WHAT POSITION THEY WOULD BE LIKELY TAKE. IF GOL SHARED OUR CONCERNS ON THIS SCORE THEN WE HOPED GOL WOULD JOIN US IN OPPOSING ANY INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE. DENNIS REITERATED THAT GOL DECISION WOULD BE BASED IN LARGE MEASURE ON THE WAY OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS WOULD VOTE. HE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED A ROUNDUP OF LIKELY VOTING PATTERN FOR THE AFRICAN MEMBERS. HE PROMISED AN EARLY RESPONSE ONCE GOL HAD RECEIVED AND ANALYZED THE ABOVE BREAKDOWN.

2. ON NOVEMBER 12 WE CALLED THE JAPANESE CHARGE WHO SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS AND PROFESSED TO KNOW LITTLE ABOUT THE ISSUES INVOLVED. HE SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH THE AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE WHO IS WAITING TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS AND LET US KNOW WHETHER THEY WERE PREPARED TO DO ANYTHING. I ALSO SPOKE WITH GVN AMBASSADOR WHO RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS NOVEMBER 10 BUT WAS UNABLE TO CONTACT ANYONE IN FOREIGN MINISTRY OVER WEEKEND. HE HAS REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH DENNIS AND HOPES TO BE RECEIVED NOVEMBER 12.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. I WOULD APPRECIATE CURRENT ESTIMATE OF VOTING PATTERN FOR AFRICAN MEMBERS ON ABOVE ISSUE FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER.
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